

FACT Inc Annual Report 2017

***Forgotten Australians Coming Together Inc,
trading as Tuart Place***

Champions in the Community



FACT Chairperson Ron Love & Vice-Chair Cevrina Reed at the 2017 ConnectGroups Support Groups Recognition and Good Practice Awards, where Ron was Runner-Up Self Help and Support Group Champion



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FACT INC ANNUAL REPORT

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OUR CORE PURPOSE

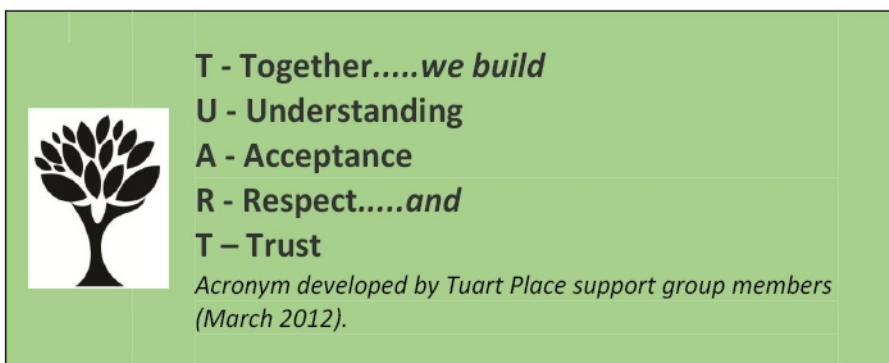
Growing Strong Together

OUR VISION

Growing Together – Leading the Way

A place where participants build a better future

OUR VALUES



Our values are participant created and driven

T – TOGETHER...we build

“There is a family atmosphere at Tuart Place that I haven't found with any other organisation”

U - UNDERSTANDING

“Coming to the group has helped me understand that I’m not alone.”

A - ACCEPTANCE

“Never before in my life, have I experienced a social setting, where I feel safe, accepted, and can truly be myself.”

R – RESPECT

“I am welcomed and treated with friendship and respect at Tuart Place. There isn't a ‘them and us’ atmosphere.”

T – TRUST

“I can finally trust people to tell my story to and know that I’ll be listened to and be believed.”

*“When given appropriate care and nurturing the
Tuart Tree can stand strong and care for itself
even through hard times.”*

Annual Report from the FACT Inc Chairperson

My name is Ron Love and, as the Chairperson for Forgotten Australians Coming Together Inc (FACT), it is with great respect that I offer my personal congratulations to the FACT Board Members for their integral part in ensuring the continual safe support for Care Leavers and governance of Tuart Place throughout 2017.

The FACT Inc Board, Tuart Place staff, volunteers and Forgotten Australians have combined in a wonderful team effort, making real benefits available for those of us who were in out-of-home care during childhood.

Tuart Place stands proudly as Western Australia's leading representative body for people who were in out-of-home care during childhood, which includes people who in the last century who were Wards of the State, Child Migrants, Forced Adoptees, Fostered Children, members of the Stolen Generations and non-Aboriginal Australians placed in institutional care during childhood, also known as Forgotten Australians and Care Leavers.

With success during the 2016/17 financial year, we can all look confidently forward to a sound foundation and secure funding for the 2017/18 financial year.

We are saddened to lose two of our Board members this year, as Kevin Bowman and Graham Castledine step down at the 2017 AGM. To Mr Kevin Bowman, I express my sincere gratitude and appreciation for your dedicated work as a Board member, as a member of the Governance, Risk and Finance Subcommittee and as our Treasurer. Kevin joined the FACT Board in February 2014, bringing a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Treasurer's role. As an actuary, Kevin worked for many years in the financial services industry in Perth, Sydney, Melbourne and the UK. Before retiring in 2016, Associate Professor Kevin Bowman was the course coordinator for the actuarial science course at Curtin University. Kevin is involved in several sporting and not-for-profit organisations and, due to these and other commitments, is not standing for re-nomination as a member for the FACT Inc Board this year. Thankyou Kevin, for your much-appreciated time while volunteering your valued support as Treasurer on this Board. Your excellent work and financial guidance has contributed to the ongoing improvement of Tuart Place and the beneficial services offered for people who were in out-of-home care as a child. Thank you for your great support Kevin.

To Mr Graham Castledine, I express my sincere gratitude and appreciation for your dedicated years of service to the FACT Board since 2011. Graham is the Senior Partner in Castledine Gregory Legal and Mediation Services, and strong social justice values are reflected in his work. As a member of the FACT Board, Graham has been a huge support for those of us with lived experience in out-of-home care during childhood. Graham is not only highly regarded for great singing with fantastic guitar playing at Tuart Place's recent 'Have-A-Go Talent Show', Graham has been a steady hand guiding our organisation through changing legislative regulations, ensuring that FACT Inc operates within the essential legal parameters. Graham is much appreciated for his work as Chairperson of our Governance, Risk and Finance Subcommittee, and for the last six years he has been part of the 'backbone' of what makes Tuart Place the huge success it is today. Graham has recommended his colleague and fellow solicitor Lauren Rathbone to the FACT Board, and we are delighted to welcome Lauren at this

year's AGM. Tuart Place and Care Leavers will rise to greater heights through 2018. Thankyou Graham for your referral of Lauren, and for your invaluable support of our organisation.

All Board Members are held in high esteem for volunteering your dedicated time, individual skills and expertise for the benefit of this Board, Care Leavers and Tuart Place. Working as a team, all Board members make important contributions to the operation of FACT Inc and the governance of Tuart Place. I greatly value the input of all Board members to our excellent discussions and the making of decisions that ensure safe and lawful processes for Care Leavers and Tuart Place, as we all continue rising to even greater heights through 2018.

To Dr Philippa White, our Tuart Place Director, I offer my congratulations and sincere gratitude for the inspirational leadership, caring and encouragement shown to me and all Care Leavers who connect with Tuart Place. One of the great achievements in the past year by Pip is leading the Tuart Place staff to a huge success of an event called 'Setting the Records Straight for the Rights of the Child'. Dr Joanne Evans from Monash University started this ball rolling with a highly successful National Summit held in Melbourne on May 8th & 9th, 2017. Dignitaries of organisations from around Australia supported this important event at the Esplanade Hotel in Fremantle. Pip is working hard to revolutionise the way records are recorded, kept, located and especially accessed by the people to whom the records are about.

I offer my congratulations and gratitude to the Tuart Place staff for presenting their high standard of services – and to the volunteers and Care Leavers who offer their individual skills and team efforts in maintaining a warm family atmosphere. The individual and team efforts by staff members are directly contributing to actively improve services offered for Care Leavers.

In closing, I thank you all for your much-appreciated support throughout the passing year. Through the services of high quality that are offered by Tuart Place, Care Leavers are continuing to safely improve their quality of life. I look forward to continuing our team spirit and our extended family atmosphere in 2018.

Ron Love

Chairperson of Forgotten Australians Coming Together Inc (FACT)

Annual Report from the Director of Tuart Place

Tuart Place has led the way with some exciting initiatives this year. Most recently, our organisation hosted the WA State Workshop for the 'Setting the Record Straight for the Rights of the Child' (SRSRC) initiative in early September 2017, in collaboration with initiative Convenor Dr Joanne Evans of Monash University.

The WA workshop was organised after Tuart Place participated in the national SRSRC Summit in Melbourne on 8-9 May 2017, and FACT Vice-Chair Cevrina Reed and I were among more than 40 speakers from across Australia invited to share knowledge and experience of records access for care leavers. The aim over two days of facilitated discussions was to build a collaborative community committed to transforming recordkeeping and archiving around lifelong rights to access and control of childhood records.

WA State Records Workshop for the SRSRC Initiative

The follow-up workshop in WA was attended by 85 participants, comprising care leavers, major government and non-government record holders in WA, senior bureaucrats, archivists, service providers and academics. In launching the workshop, Commissioner Andrew Murray of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse highlighted the central importance of records in seeking justice for past and present care leavers, and in people's sense of identity. Keynote speaker, the Hon Simone McGurk MLA, identified systemic problems with institutional records, including limited access and lost or destroyed records, and reinforced the view that record keeping and archiving activities must not cause harm. Improvements are needed to the way in which records are captured, recorded, archived and made available – and children must be at the centre of decision making in these activities.

Speakers representing four cohorts – the Stolen Generations, former child migrants, Forgotten Australians, and younger care leavers – spoke of difficulties they encountered when seeking personal files, and it became clear that while some different problems have emerged over time, the processes involved are universally fraught.

A key issue highlighted during the workshop is the unsuitability of Freedom of Information legislation to a best practice model of records release for care leavers. Follow up discussions with the Department of Communities since the workshop have focussed on this issue, and the possibility of using different guidelines for releasing this category of records.

Other post-workshop plans include the formation of a Records Reference Group and strengthening links with key organisations such as CREATE and Stolen Generations entities. Thanks go to everyone involved in making the workshop such a success, particularly Tuart Place Program Coordinator Jo Hocking for her skilful coordination of this event; Dr Katrina Stratton for her masterful MCing; and Dr Maria Harries for her succinct and insightful closing summary at the workshop. Thanks also to Mercycare CEO Chris Hall for facilitating media consultancy services via CGM Communications, which ensured maximum exposure of the issues on radio and in the print media; and Notre Dame University Course Coordinator Michael McCall and his Film and Screen Production students, who video-recorded the proceedings. An edited version of the film will be available soon on the Tuart Place You Tube channel.

Redress Matters

The topic of redress has featured significantly over the last year. A Commonwealth redress scheme announced by the Federal Government in 2016 raised hopes among care leavers and advocates, although its limited focus on sexual abuse and critical problems with its funding model create uncertainty and disappointment. What we have learned over time is that redress initiatives have

considerable capacity to cause secondary harm, and it is not uncommon for care leavers to be left feeling devalued and re-abused.

Internationally, Cevrina Reed and I co-presented a conference paper on redress at the 'Compensating the Past: International approaches to redress schemes for historical child abuse' workshop in Norrköping, Sweden in November 2016. We were among 13 presenters who spoke about redress schemes in ten countries around the world. The workshop focused on what can be learned from previous financial redress schemes, and whether these schemes achieve what they aim to achieve.

We made some new contacts at the Swedish workshop, including Professor Patricia Lundy of Ulster University, who subsequently came to Perth to meet with former child migrants participating in the Northern Ireland Historical Institutional Abuse Inquiry (HIAI), to inform her action research on 'What survivors want from redress'. Prof Lundy gave a presentation and conducted individual sessions with NI former child migrants at Tuart Place in April 2017. Since that time, Tuart Place, in collaboration with the Tardun Old Boys Association (TOBA), has played a key role in facilitating input by former child migrants in a survey of HIAI applicants (33 of the 126 survey responses were submitted via Tuart Place); and an Amnesty International petition on redress in Northern Ireland in June 2017 (36 of the 260 signatories were former child migrants living in Australia, contacted through the combined efforts of Tuart Place and TOBA).

Tuart Place has also played a key role in facilitating contact between former child migrants and the institutional abuse inquiries currently underway in England and Scotland. Via Skype and conference call facilities at Tuart Place, a number of Scottish former child migrants participate in regular conversations with Witness Support Officers in Scotland, and we are currently negotiating arrangements for the provision of their formal testimony to this Inquiry.

An important advocacy initiative commenced by Tuart Place this year concerns the 'unfinished business' of Redress WA, and the large-scale secondary harm suffered by care leavers during the process of this scheme. *Make Redress Right* is a powerful short film produced by accomplished film maker Dr Linda Blagg in collaboration with Tuart Place participants. The purpose of the film is to raise public awareness, and to provide a platform for asking the State Government to rectify the grievously wrong decision made by the previous government regarding Redress WA. Tuart Place has discussed this matter with Minister Simone McGurk at meetings in November 2016 and in April 2017, and provided briefing documents via email. *Make Redress Right* will be released in early 2018, coinciding with the launch of an advocacy campaign.

Acknowledgements and thanks to the FACT Board, and Tuart Place staff and volunteers

Congratulations FACT Inc. Chairperson Ron Love on being Runner-Up *Self Help and Support Group Champion* in the ConnectGroups 2017 Support Groups Recognition and Good Practice Awards. Ron is indeed a Champion, and this year he has, once again, led the way in initiating and strengthening links with external organisations and community groups; and promoting care leavers' interests at public awareness-raising initiatives and expos.

Ron reaches a wide readership with his two-monthly publication, 'Ron's Gazette', which is also posted on the Tuart Place website at <http://www.tuartplace.org/news-events/rons-gazette/>. We are very fortunate to have Ron Love as our Chairperson, and his commitment to Tuart Place and the wellbeing of Forgotten Australians is unflinching.

In his Chairperson's Report, Ron praises the dedication of the Board of Forgotten Australians Coming Together (FACT), and I would like to join with Ron in thanking FACT Board members for their wise stewardship and hard work over the last year. We are proud to have a Board in which more than half the members have lived experience of out-of-home care, supported by non-care leavers selected for professional skills in areas such as law and accounting, and their strong social justice values. I believe

the formation of our Board's membership is not found in any other support service for care leavers in Australia.

I would also like to join Ron in thanking the staff of Tuart Place. Each person makes a unique and valuable contribution, and both clinical and non-clinical staff conduct their work using a trauma informed approach, and with a focus on providing a safe place where people can heal and grow. Visitors often comment on the warm and friendly welcome they receive from Receptionist Vicky Fox on arriving at Tuart Place and, on Mondays, from Admin Assistant Laura Mercer. Vicky and Laura fulfil a pivotal role in Reception as the 'first port of call' for people contacting and attending Tuart Place. Their work is carried out with unfailing courtesy and integrity.

Jo Hocking has been in the role of Program Coordinator since October 2016 and has made a huge contribution to the service since that time. As well as introducing new initiatives and managing the Tuart Place website and Facebook page, Jo coordinates all processes related to the FACT Board, and produces the *Calendar of Events* and *What's On* flier. Jo once again demonstrated her formidable organisational skills when she coordinated the very successful SRSRC State Records Workshop, hosted by Tuart Place at the Esplanade Hotel in September 2017. Congratulations to Jo on the recent award of a Graduate Certificate in Human Resources Management from Murdoch University.

Tuart Place social worker Jan Newman supervised the placements of two UWA Masters of Social Work students, and the internship of a Notre Dame Behavioural Science, Politics and Social Justice student at Tuart Place in 2016/17. In keeping with our Strategic Plan, Jan continues her focus on responding to aged care issues and unmet needs, as well as case managing complex individual work with care leavers at risk of homelessness and facing other serious problems. Jan's exceptional advocacy work with care leavers, both at individual and systemic levels, is always focused on care leaver empowerment and self-determination.

The contribution made by Tuart Place's Senior Therapist/Staff Manager Susy Vaughan is outstanding, and Susy's work is central to the effective operation and advancement of Tuart Place. Major projects instigated by Susy over the last year include the Tuart Times survey and Phone Outreach Service, which aligns with our 2020 Strategic Plan. Susy was successful in her application to the WA Mental Health Commission for Tuart Place to run three courses in 2016/17 under the Suicide Prevention Program, all of which received outstanding feedback from the participants. Susy instigated and supervised the placement of a Notre Dame Masters of Counselling student in 2017, and continued her highly effective work in the management of staffing; monitoring and compliance activities related to OSH and HR obligations; significant input to funding submissions and donation requests; and fulfilment of FACT's reporting requirements to the Department of Communities.

The Tuart Place Social Activities Group (SAG), established in early 2015 and led by Mike Carroll, is a central pillar of participant leadership at Tuart Place. SAG has continued its extremely successful fundraising ventures, which are self-directed and initiated for the direct benefit of Tuart Place participants. In addition to funding the annual weekend gathering at Moore River, this year SAG purchased a blood pressure monitor for Tuart Place, the use of which has been ably coordinated by FACT Board member Eddie Cogan. Other SAG initiatives currently underway include the preparation of a plaque honouring FACT's founding Chairperson, the late Laurie Humphreys JP; and the purchase of a PA system. When carrying out fundraising activities in the community, SAG members never miss an opportunity to spread the word about Forgotten Australians and Tuart Place.

As Ron mentions in his Chairperson's Report, we are very grateful to our team of volunteers – those from outside the organisation and our participant volunteers – care leavers who give their time most generously, and without whom Tuart Place could not operate as effectively as it does. Thanks also to our visiting professionals who donate time to Tuart Place, who enable us to offer a diversity of pro-

bono services, including genealogy, hearing assessments, men's haircuts, legal advice, and free podiatry, dental, and skin checks.

Funding and donations

Since its inception in 2012, Tuart Place has received a large proportion of its core operational funding from the WA Government's Department for Child Protection and Family Support (more recently the Department of Communities) and from Lotterywest. We have now completed a combined funding process in which the Department's financial contribution to the operation of Tuart Place grew over a five-year period, to accommodate a corresponding decrease in funding from Lotterywest. Lotterywest's financial commitment to Tuart Place, originally guided by the foresight of former CEO Jan Stewart, made it possible to open the doors of Laurie Humphrey's dream: a drop-in centre for all West Australian care leavers; and the WA Government has followed through with an unflinching provision of support. We are most grateful for this commitment to supporting WA care leavers through Tuart Place.

Equally important to the continuing operation of Tuart Place are the donations we receive from non-government 'past providers' (organisations that formerly provided institutional care to children). We are pleased to say that in addition to State Government grants, Tuart Place receives unconditional financial contributions from Catholic past providers the Christian Brothers, the Sisters of Mercy and the Sisters of Nazareth, and from non-Catholic former providers of care in Western Australia. The importance of 'past provider' funding of support services is well recognised, and in its *Report on Redress and Civil Litigation*, the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse observed that it is especially important for some survivors that support is 'funded by the institutions responsible for the abuse'. Financial support from all 'past providers' is much appreciated by the people of Tuart Place, and is consistent with the Healing and Reconciliation agenda initiated by Tuart Place participants.

Tuart Place also receives donations from care leaver participants and from members of the general public. As a Public Benevolent Institution with 'Gift Deductible Recipient' status, donations to Tuart Place are tax deductible. Some care leavers have made generous donations to Tuart Place as a way of 'giving back' to the organisation, and supporting the common goal of 'Growing Strong Together'.

The grants and donations received by Tuart Place facilitate the operation of a wide range of services and activities. A 'snapshot' of service activity at Tuart Place during the 2016-17 financial year is provided in the next section of the Annual Report.

I would like to offer my sincere thanks all those who contributed to the Tuart Place community over the last 12 months and helped to make this another highly successful year. Tuart Place has some special characteristics that set it apart from other agencies, not the least of which is its effective model of collaborative leadership with care leavers. I feel very fortunate to be a part of the organisation.

Dr Philippa White
Director, Tuart Place.

Snapshot of Service Activity in 2016/17

Demographic profile of Tuart Place participants and clients

As shown in the Demographic Statistics table below, a total of 527 individuals received a direct service from Tuart Place during the 2016/17 financial year. This table also provides quantitative data on age, gender, geographic location, and the origin of people accessing services during this period.

| TABLE I: Tuart Place Demographic Statistics 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 | | | |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Age Group | Number of Clients | Origin Group | Number of Clients |
| 18 - 30 | 3 | Aust Non Indigenous | 179 |
| 31 - 50 | 34 | Aust Indigenous | 38 |
| 51 - 70 | 141 | Migrants | 270 |
| 71 + | 300 | Unspecified | 40 |
| Unspecified | 49 | | |
| Gender Group | Number of Clients | Postcode Group | Number of Clients |
| Male | 364 | WA | 444 |
| Female | 159 | Interstate | 65 |
| Unspecified | 4 | Overseas | 6 |
| | | Unspecified | 12 |

These statistics show an increase in client numbers since the 2015/16 financial year, when a total of 413 people accessed services from Tuart Place.

Service activity: Professional services

Professional and clinical services delivered at Tuart Place in the last financial year included trauma-informed counselling and psychotherapy; phone counselling; therapeutic and life-skills groups; individual tuition; pro-bono health, financial and legal services; supported access to records; family tracing and connection; and individual advocacy.

Psycho-social Support

The largest area of service delivery (excluding social connection activities) in this period was psycho-social support, which is provided in a variety of ways by both clinical and non-clinical staff.

Therapeutic interventions and interactions are customised for individual clients/participants. This reflects the Tuart Place therapeutic 'whole-of-service' model.

Counselling & Phone Counselling

Together, counselling and phone counselling make up the second largest area of service delivery (excluding social connection), in terms of occasions of service, numbers of clients serviced and the number of hours provided on a one-to-one basis. In response to a participant survey held in January 2017, a new phone outreach support service was introduced to expand our provision of counselling

and support to people unable to attend the service due to poor health, sickness or geographical location.

Referral & Liaison

Referral and Liaison was the third largest service area (excluding social connection activities) and examples include:

- Warm referrals to and liaison with a wide range of specialised agencies and services for individual participants
- Internal liaison between staff to maximise clinical and non-clinical support for individual participants
- Support given to people engaging with the Northern Ireland Historical Institutional Abuse Inquiry, the Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry, and the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (England and Wales)

Life skills & Literacy

Life skills development was the fourth largest area (excluding social connection activities) and is provided both in group sessions and on a customised one-on-one basis. Many participants comment on the way they utilise their new skills outside Tuart Place especially in the areas of positive decision-making; communicating with confidence; and in exercising a greater degree of self-determination in general.

A number of participants have been involved in community awareness raising initiatives which reflect our vision statement: *Growing Together – Leading the Way*. Confidence and skills in public speaking and external liaison have been developed through support, mentoring and/or coaching.

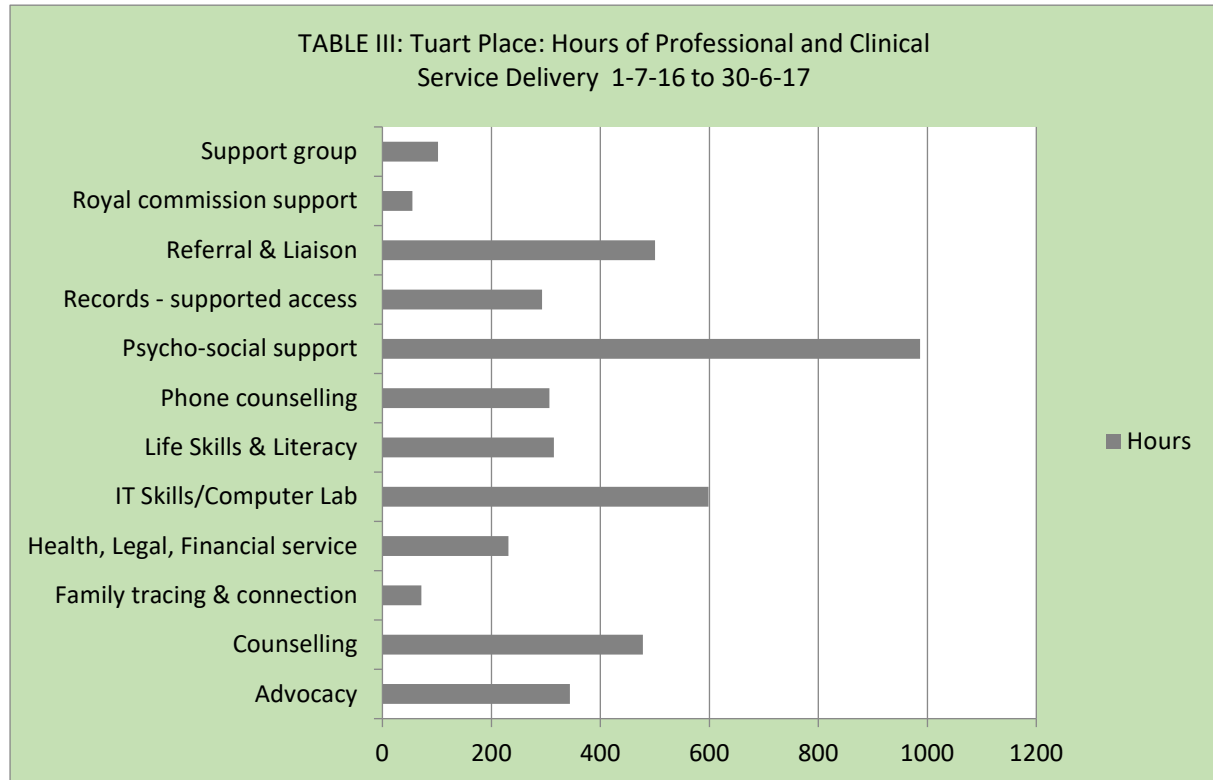
Direct service activity: Professional services

Occasions of service and number of participants accessing professional and other non-administrative services in the 2016/17 financial year are shown in Table II below.

| TABLE II: Tuart Place: Direct service delivery 1-7-16 to 30-6-17 | | |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| SERVICE | Occasions of service | No. of clients |
| Individual advocacy | 384 | 118 |
| Counselling | 587 | 109 |
| Family tracing & connection | 94 | 44 |
| Health/Legal/Financial | 340 | 98 |
| IT Skills/Computer Lab | 421 | 77 |
| Life skills & Literacy | 806 | 139 |
| Phone counselling | 586 | 189 |
| Psycho-social support | 2,920 | 219 |
| Records – supported access | 345 | 104 |
| Referral & liaison | 1,026 | 266 |
| Royal commission support | 49 | 14 |
| Support group | 302 | 28 |
| *NB: Many clients accessed more than one service (n = 527) | | |

Areas of service delivery showing a significant increase this financial year include Phone Counselling, Individual Advocacy, and access to visiting pro-bono Health/Legal/Financial services.

Comparative data on hours of service provided across the professional and clinical service delivery categories in 2016/17 are shown in Table III below.



Publications

'Ron's Gazette', created by participant and FACT Board Chairperson Ron Love, is published on a two-monthly basis and each edition continues to generate very positive feedback. The Gazette is published in hard copy for in-house circulation; is available on the Tuart Place website; and is sent by e-mail to 245 recipients across Australia.

The 'What's On' flier is published 'in house' every two months and is mailed in hard copy to 649 participants in the Perth metro area, and is also published on the Tuart Place website.

The most recent issue of the biannual *Tuart Times* newsletter was published in July 2017. In addition to electronic distribution and publication on the Tuart Place website, *The Tuart Times* was posted in hard copy to recipients in the geographic locations shown in Table IV.

| TABLE IV: Postal Distribution of <i>The Tuart Times</i> Newsletter in July 2017 | | | |
|--|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Location | Agencies/supporters | Care leavers | TOTALS |
| WA metro | 400 | 648 | 1048 |
| WA country | 37 | 128 | 1665 |
| Interstate | 114 | 136 | 250 |
| Overseas | 33 | 14 | 47 |
| | 584 | 926 | 1510 |

The number of Agencies/Supporters receiving *The Tuart Times* decreased from 400 to 384 this year, following a review of the mailing list and removal of agencies to which it would not be useful to send the newsletter.

Activities encouraging social interaction

The largest area of non-clinical service delivery during the 2016/17 financial year was social activities involving Tuart Place participants. Our focus on personal interaction is underpinned by the knowledge that social isolation is one of the major difficulties facing many older adults who were separated from their families during childhood and experienced further disconnection and trauma in out-of-home care.

Many of the social activities organised via Tuart Place are instigated and coordinated by participants, and, in particular, the Social Activities Group. Independent networks and friendships among participants have strengthened and are taken outside Tuart Place. These are increasingly helpful in situations where illness or hardship means extra support is needed.

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Independent Audit Report

Forgotten Australians Coming Together (FACT) Inc.
Year Ended 30 June 2017

SCOPE

We have audited the attached special purpose financial report of the Forgotten Australians Coming Together (FACT) Inc. comprising the Profit & Loss Statement and Balance Sheet for the year ended 30 June 2017. The Board is responsible for the preparation of the financial report and the information contained therein, and has determined that the accounting policies used are appropriate to its needs. We have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the Board.

The attached special purpose financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the Board's accountability requirements. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our procedures included examinations, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respect, the financial report presents fairly the results for the year and the state of affairs of the organization at the end of the year.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

AUDIT OPINION

In our opinion, the financial report of Forgotten Australians Coming Together (FACT) Inc. presents fairly, the Profit & Loss Statement and Balance Sheet for the year ended 30 June 2017.



Travis WOHLSEIN FCPA
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Date: 11th September 2017

Balance Sheet

As of June 2017

| Assets | | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Current Assets | | |
| Cash & Current Assets | | |
| Cheque Account | \$7,447.88 | |
| Keycard Bank Account | \$7,448.62 | |
| Credit Card | -\$323.79 | |
| Savings Bank Account | \$54,206.88 | |
| Laurie Humphreys Savings Acc | \$230,901.05 | |
| Term Deposit Credit Card | \$5,000.00 | |
| ING savings account | \$91.02 | |
| ING Term Deposit | \$150,000.00 | |
| ING term Deposit 2 | \$100,000.00 | |
| Petty Cash | \$910.75 | |
| Total Cash & Current Assets | \$555,682.41 | |
| Accounts Receivable | \$3,579.50 | |
| Total Current Assets | \$559,261.91 | |
| Other Assets | | |
| Prepays Ins & WComp | \$5,151.38 | |
| Total Other Assets | \$5,151.38 | |
| Property & Equipment | | |
| Office Equipment | | |
| Office Equipment at Cost | \$8,811.40 | |
| Office Equip Expensed | -\$8,811.40 | |
| Total Property & Equipment | \$0.00 | |
| Total Assets | | \$564,413.29 |
| Liabilities | | |
| Current Liabilities | | |
| Trade Creditors | \$3,790.46 | |
| GST Liabilities | | |
| ATO Liability Clearing Account | \$1,009.00 | |
| Total GST Liabilities | \$1,009.00 | |
| Payroll Liabilities | | |
| Superannuation Payable | \$9,261.36 | |
| Annual Leave Accrued | \$18,781.28 | |
| Long Service Leave Accrued | \$26,632.91 | |
| Total Payroll Liabilities | \$54,675.55 | |
| Income in Advance | | |
| Laurie Humphreys Fund | \$440,725.00 | |
| Total Income in Advance | \$440,725.00 | |
| Total Current Liabilities | | \$500,200.01 |
| Total Liabilities | | \$500,200.01 |
| Net Assets | | \$64,213.28 |
| Equity | | |
| Prior Year's Surplus/Deficit | \$50,433.03 | |
| Current Year Earnings | \$13,780.25 | |
| Total Equity | | \$64,213.28 |

This report includes Year-End Adjustments.

Profit & Loss Statement

July 2016 To June 2017

INCOME

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| DONATIONS & CLIENT CONTRIBUTIO | |
| DONATIONS | \$6,288.40 |
| Social Group Fundraising | \$5,758.05 |
| Voluntary Contributions | \$1,445.40 |
| FUND RAISING | \$1,362.10 |
| Total DONATIONS & CLIENT CONTRIBUTIO | \$14,853.95 |
| GRANT INCOME | |
| Lotterywest | \$56,755.00 |
| DCPFS | \$260,000.00 |
| Laurie Humphreys Fund Income | \$258,000.00 |
| Mental Health Commission | \$6,990.00 |
| Total GRANT INCOME | \$581,745.00 |
| Other Income | |
| Miscellaneous Income | \$8,290.41 |
| Other Income | \$175.00 |
| Interest Received | \$4,278.64 |
| Total Other Income | \$12,744.05 |
| Total INCOME | \$609,343.00 |
| Total Cost Of Sales | \$0.00 |
| Gross Profit | \$609,343.00 |

EXPENSES

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|---|--------------------|
| GENERAL & ADMIN EXPENSES | |
| Bank Fees | \$281.29 |
| Bookkeeping & Auditing | \$15,829.87 |
| Building Maintenance | \$2,583.50 |
| Office Supplies | \$3,381.69 |
| Subscriptions | \$2,264.98 |
| Other General Expenses | \$2,899.12 |
| Total GENERAL & ADMIN EXPENSES | \$27,240.45 |
| OPERATING EXPENSES | |
| General Insurance | \$3,311.40 |
| Internet Expenses | \$5,013.91 |
| Office Rental | \$7,697.77 |
| Photocopying | \$6,211.81 |
| Promotion and Marketing | \$18.64 |
| Postage | \$5,106.50 |
| Tuart Times printing and posta | \$11,184.82 |
| Printing | \$1,214.22 |
| Telephone | \$6,004.93 |
| Total OPERATING EXPENSES | \$45,764.00 |
| STAFF EXPENSES | |
| Salaries/Wages | \$380,414.70 |
| Superannuation | \$47,012.81 |
| Insurance - Workers' Compensat | \$4,051.56 |
| Staff Travel/Inc parking | \$1,088.46 |
| Staff Mileage - Payroll Only | \$85.88 |
| Participant Training and Devel | \$10,467.09 |
| Staff Training/Development | \$2,630.00 |
| Meeting expenses | \$1,005.13 |

This report includes Year-End Adjustments.

Profit & Loss Statement

July 2016 To June 2017

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| Contractor Expenses | \$7,295.25 | |
| Supervision | \$3,700.00 | |
| Provision for Long Service | \$7,173.15 | |
| Provision for Annual Leave | -\$1,089.74 | |
| Total STAFF EXPENSES | | \$463,834.29 |
| GRANT EXPENSES | | |
| Catering Wednesday Lunch | \$4,679.05 | |
| Catering Monday Group | \$9,693.21 | |
| Food Costs | \$5,878.84 | |
| Events and Gatherings | \$8,491.95 | |
| Program Costs | \$4,523.41 | |
| Participant Travel costs | \$2,856.48 | |
| Parking | \$27.94 | |
| Venue Hire | \$1,518.18 | |
| General IT | \$9,596.19 | |
| Total GRANT EXPENSES | | \$47,265.25 |
| OTHER EXPENSES | | |
| Office Equipment | \$3,080.25 | |
| Program Equipment | \$1,077.69 | |
| New Computer Equipment | \$4,730.05 | |
| Computer Software | \$2,570.77 | |
| Total EXPENSES | | \$595,562.75 |
| Operating Profit | | \$13,780.25 |
| Total Other Income | | \$0.00 |
| Total Other Expenses | | \$0.00 |
| Net Profit/(Loss) | | \$13,780.25 |

This report includes Year-End Adjustments.

Note 1 to the special purpose financial report

This special purpose financial report was prepared for distribution to the members to fulfil the Board's financial reporting requirements under the Forgotten Australians Coming Together Inc's Rules of Association and the *Associations Incorporation Act (WA)*. The accounting policies used in the preparation of this report, as described below, are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the non-reporting entity's Rules of Association and with previous years and are, in the opinion of the Board, appropriate to meet the needs of members:

- (a) The financial report was prepared on a modified accrual basis of accounting, including the historical cost convention and the going concern assumption.
- (b) The requirements of accounting standards and other professional reporting requirements in Australia do not have mandatory applicability to the Forgotten Australians Coming Together Inc because it is not a 'reporting entity'.
- (c) Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Tax Office. In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of the acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and Payables in the Balance Sheet are shown inclusive of GST.